



Christmas Tree Cutting Instructions



Please be sure to carry your tag with you and attach it to the tree as soon as it is cut. You may only cut the tree species specified on your tag and only in the area designated on your tag and map. **The dates for cutting your tree begin on November 21, 2015 and end at midnight on December 24, 2015.** No refunds will be made, even if weather conditions prevent you from reaching your cutting area and cutting your tree.

Cut the tree as close to the ground as possible leaving a stump no more than 6 inches high. **The tree must not exceed 10 feet in total height.** Do not cut the top off of a taller tree. Remember, a standing tree in the woods looks smaller than it will in your home. Please remove all trash and litter resulting from your cutting activities. Scatter any slash left behind making sure your slash piles are less than 2 feet deep.

Cut your tree only on national forest land, and not within the ADOT right-of-way. Vehicle use in some areas may be restricted to driving only on established forest roads. Please consult the cutting area map you were given. Park well off the traveled roadway.

An armload of green branches for decorations may be taken along with your tree as part of this permit. You are also welcome to pick up a few pine cones for decorations, if you wish.

Please be sure that **everyone** in your party reads the safety precautions in this message prior to leaving home. In the past, there have been some very serious accidents resulting from failures to heed one or more of these safety measures.

Safety Precautions

Always notify friends or relatives where you intend to go and when you expect to return. Be prepared for bad weather, including muddy or snowy roads. At a minimum, we suggest you take the following items with you:

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| 1. Tire Chains | 6. A little food and water |
| 2. Shovel | 7. First Aid Kit |
| 3. Matches or Flares | 8. Flashlight |
| 4. Tow Chain | 9. Blankets |
| 5. Warm Clothing | 10. A full tank of gas |

Plan to leave the cutting area before nightfall. Remember, winter storms can occur suddenly. If you notice a storm brewing, start home as soon as possible. If you get caught in the storm, be cautious and stay on the main roads -avoid shortcuts. Stay dry and avoid overexertion. If you get stranded, stay with your group and your vehicle. Keep a window open while using your car heater.

Be aware that you are not the only forest user in the woods this time of year. You may encounter other recreation users, firewood cutters, loggers, or hunters. Please consider wearing an article of brightly colored, highly visible clothing while walking in the woods. Also, park your vehicle off the road, so you do not interfere with other traffic.

Enjoy yourself and have a happy Holiday Season